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Application of: Higgins et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2003, Applicants hereby respectfully elect the invention of Group I, at least claims 1 - 49, 54, 57 - 85, 87 - 128, 130 - 132, 134 - 136, 138, 140, and 141, for examination on the merits with traverse. Applicants respectfully believe that the invention of Group II, claims 129, 133, 137, 139, 142, 143, and 146 - 148, can include a rebond foam layer. For example, a rebond foam sheet can be a slit foam (claim 129) or in one embodiment the rebond foam is flame laminated to glass and/or felt (claim 133). Claim 148 calls for rebond foam.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance of the present application, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

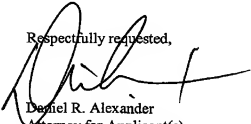
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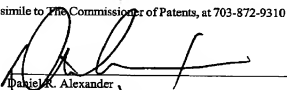
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